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Eclectic Acoustic Quartet Swings in the Valley

Brecksville, Ohio - On Friday, February 8, *The Waybacks* take to the Happy Days stage as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. Beginning at 8 p.m., the concert will be held at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Kulas Foundation and receives promotional support from WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657- 2909. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Possessed of dazzling instrumental chops and an absolute mastery of acoustic musical styles, *The Waybacks* are an eclectic acoustic quartet, steeped in a wide array of Americana idioms and put their unique stamp on the lot, rendering them all with turn- on- a- dime precision and characteristic charm, wit, and virtuosity. From newgrass and western swing to jug band and gypsy jazz, from folk and fingerpicking to alt- country and improvisational excursions that defy categorization, *The Waybacks'* music is wild, energetic and unpredictable. At full tilt, they take on the force of an acoustic rock band. With their stellar musicianship and innate sense of adventure, they stand in good company with the few bands at the forefront of New American acoustic music.

The success of the group's approach is evident in its broad appeal to audiences of all ages, shapes and tastes, whether they sit enraptured, stand drop- jawed at breathtaking flights of fancy or just plain get up and dance. This is a populist band in the best sense of the term, one whose ardent fan base spreads the word like wildfire

Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, *The Waybacks* includes dazzling instrumentalists James Nash (guitar, mandolin, vocals), Warren Hood (fiddle, mandolin, vocals), Joe Kyle, Jr. (standup bass, vocals), and Chuck Hamilton (drums, percussion, vocals).

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Other Series Concerts

<i>Saturday, February 16</i>	Jackie Tice Duo , American Indian singer/songwriter, flute
<i>Saturday, March 8</i>	April Verch Band , Canadian fiddler, step dancing
<i>Saturday, March 15</i>	*Cathie Ryan , Irish
<i>Saturday, April 12</i>	*Four Shillings Short , trad. Irish, Indian Ragas, Medieval and Renaissance
<i>Friday, April 25</i>	The McDades , Canadian roots music, jazz inflected celtic
<i>Friday, May 2</i>	Mamadou Diabate , world music, Malian cora player

* indicates these events have special pricing and are not available as part of a subscription package.

Create your own subscription series and enjoy three great concerts for one low price. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged until ten days before the concert. \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children 3 - 12. For more information about the subscriber series, call (330) 657- 2909.

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals call CVNPA at (330) 657- 2909 ext. 119.

CVNPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and CVNP, provides innovative education programs and fosters community support and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657- 2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524- 1497 or (800) 445- 9667.

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